

**REMARKS**

Claims 19-26 and 28-29 are pending in the application.

The Examiner pointed out that Claim 27 was missing from the listing of claims submitted on March 22, 2004. Applicants have submitted herein a complete listing of claims presenting the status of all claims 1-29.

**CONCLUSION**

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested as soon as possible. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, or if further discussion would expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 15, 2004

By: Renée S. Polizotto

Renée S. Polizotto, Ph.D.  
Agent for Applicants  
Registration No.: 53,474  
**Customer No. 34285**  
Nuvelo, Inc.  
675 Almanor Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
Tel: 408.215.4000  
Fax: 408.524.8145